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## City of Augusta partners with Augusta University to remember the lives lost during the 9/11 attacks

**AUGUSTA**, **Ga.** (Sept. 3, 2021) – The City of Augusta and Augusta University are holding a joint memorial ceremony and charitable 5K Walk/Run to honor the 20th anniversary of the September 11th terror attacks.

The memorial ceremony will be held on Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. at D. Douglas Barnard Amphitheatre on Augusta University's Summerville campus. A 5K Walk/Run around the campus will begin immediately after the ceremony.

The program will feature remarks by City Administrator Odie Donald II and Augusta Fire Chief /EMA Director Antonio Burden, a performance by the Davidson School of Fine Arts band, and the presentation of colors by the Augusta Fire, Richmond County Sheriff, and Augusta University ROTC Honor Guard.

"It's important to remember all of the lives lost and the efforts made by first responders to save countless others during the attacks," said Burden. "The partnership with Augusta University has brought a new energy to this event, and we're hoping people who attend the event will appreciate it."

WJBF anchor Dee Griffin will be the Masters of Ceremonies.

Proceeds from the 5K will go to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which supports families who lost a loved one during the attack and active military service members.

There will also be food trucks and other vendors at the event.

Full details are:

**9/11 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Ceremony** Augusta University Summerville Campus D. Douglas Barnard Amphitheatre Sept. 11, 8 a.m.

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